# COVID-19 blows gigantic hole in Arcata's budget Watson seeks economic reboot

Kevin L. Hoover

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ARCATA – Among the range of radical changes the coronavirus pandemic has wrought is a massive plunge in the tax revenue the City of Arcata has to work with. The City Council grappled with the unprecedented financial catastrophe at a May 27 meeting.

A staff report by Finance Director Ondrea Starzhevskiy notes business closures and shelter-in-place impacts and states that, "the economic halt resulted in immediate revenue losses due to decreased sales taxes, transient occupancy tax (TOT), and from the cancellation of Recreation programs, building rentals, parking and other

city services."

Councilmember Brett Watson Seeks economic recovery

To gain some understanding of the financial shortfall, the city developed projections based on three scenarios. All include the assumption that Humboldt State University will conduct fall classes online, with a resulting reduction in attending students.

The projections were created both by city staff and consultants Hinderliter, de Llamas & Associates (Hdl).

• Option 1 assumes that the shelter-in-place order will remain in effect until July 1. Hdl projects an 18 percent drop in sales tax, from \$2,671,000 to \$2,186,675.

The city foresees a 29 percent decline, to \$1,897,800.

Transaction and Use Tax (TOT) would drop 15 percent, from \$2,180,000 to \$1,861,000, according to Hdl.

cent, from \$2,180,000 to \$1,861,000, according to Hdl. The city puts the drop at 29 percent, to \$1,589,000.

• Option 2 is based on shelter-in-place ending Oct. 1.

Hdl projects a 30 percent loss of sales tax, to \$1,879,718. The city predicts a 45 percent decline, to \$1,469,050. Hdl projects the TOT reduction at 27 percent, to

\$1,600,000. The city puts it at \$1,199,000, or 45 percent.

• Option 3, the most pessimistic, is based on shelter-in-place remaining in effect through Jan. 1 of 2021.

Given the uncertainties inherent in projecting seven months ahead, Hdl declined to do so for both sales tax

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# McKinleyville seeks homeless solutions

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McKINLEYVILLE – In
Arcata, camps with bath-

Arcata, camps with bathrooms and hand-washing facilities have been set up for homeless people, who are also receiving three meals a day and are being tested, if needed, for the coronavirus.

Meanwhile, in McKinleyville, homeless people are scattered around town, living in the forest and on undeveloped properties. The McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC) would like to find a way to change this and provide the homeless population with shelter and services.

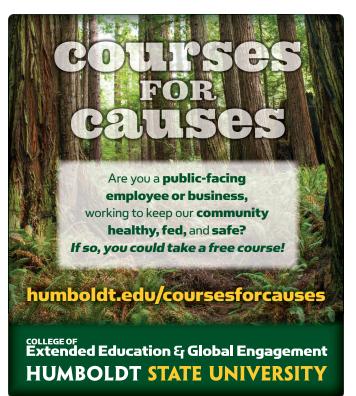
The idea was discussed by the McKMAC at its May 27 meeting, held remotely on Zoom with 23 participants.

"I believe we as a community can help solve this problem and make things better," Fifth District Supervisor Steve Madrone told the county advisory committee. "The problem is overwhelming our communities."

Madrone suggested that the first step in the process is to hold a town hall meeting to gather input and come up with solutions.

One of ideas floated is to find a place where homeless people would be allowed to stay and where services could be provided to them. Madrone acknowledged that finding a location will be problematic and that there will never be a "perfect" place to assist the homeless.

"How do we do this in a humane way? I don't HOMELESSNESS ❖ PAGE 5







IT'S GOT TO STOP' Across the country and in Eureka, a weekend of protest followed the killing of African-American George Floyd by Minnesota police. Above, marchers outside the county courthouse Saturday. Monday, area police stood and kneeled in solidarity with activists. "Today was designed for all of us to come together to make a statement about the murder of George Floyd at the hands of the police department in Minnesota," said APD Chief Brian Ahearn, left. "People of color continue to be discriminated against, brutalized and murdered at the hands of law enforcement officers in this country. "It's got to stop." "We stand united in solidarity against institutionalized racism and hate injustice and inequality wherever it's found, especially in law enforcement across the country," said EPD Chief Steve Watson. "We have to own that."



# Cautious reopening as C-19 cases rise

**Daniel Mintz** 

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HUMBOLDT – Humboldt County's emergence from sheltering in place continues, with previously banned activities like dining in restaurants and hair cutting now cleared for opening.

But not all businesses that are eligible for reopening are choosing to do so.

During a May 28 "media availability" video session, Sheriff Billy Honsal said that although there are over 600 restaurants in the county, only about 100 have applied for certifications of their ability to conduct in-house dining safely.

There are about 6,500 businesses in the county and about 1,000 have

applied for certification, he continued. "So one-sixth of the county's businesses have opened and this is something that is slowly occurring," Honsal said.

"Preparing for the worst and hoping for the best," is how Honsal described the county's approach to reopening.

The county is still seeing "some kind of steady numbers" of new cases, said Honsal, with some days of minimal or no COVID-19 cases and others with several.

"If things were to escalate, all things are on the table at any given time depending on how many hospitalizations we have and those kinds of things," he said, answering a submitted media question on the prospect of having to "pull back" on reopening.

As of May 31, the county confirmed 101 cases. There were 10 new cases in the week leading up to that date.

In a May 29 media availability session, Public Health Officer Teresa Frankovich was asked what county modeling shows on anticipated COVID-19 case peaks given the current level of reopening.

"I don't have a model for where we are right now," said Frankovich. "It's very difficult for us to have a model that tells us what opening retail does, or what opening a restaurant will do at this time, because there are a whole

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# Soon: the illustrated McK Town Center

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McKINLEYVILLE – In meeting after meeting, McKinleyville residents have spent time talking about what they want the McKinleyville Town Center to look like. Now all those words are about to get translated into drawings.

The Humboldt County Planning Division has commissioned local architect Kash Boodjeh to draw images of what the McKinleyville Town Center should look like based on the public input that's been received.

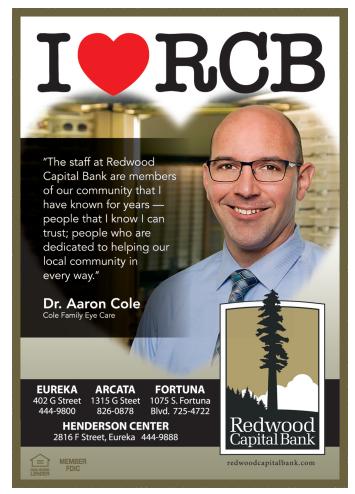
The drawings will be released for public consumption on June 24. Residents can then attend a special meeting of the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee on July 15 to comment on what drawings they like, or don't like.

The committee talked briefly about the process at its May 27 meeting.

Committee member Twila Sanchez said one of the problems with the town center meetings so far is that each meeting feels like a new meeting that's disconnected from the rest.

"There has been no flow to the meetings," Sanchez said. Committee chair Kevin Dreyer said there has been

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# What's open and isn't

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HUMBOLDT — Online information on which local businesses have reopened is available at multiple websites. These include *visitarcata.com*, a list of businesses certfied for reopening at *humboldt.gov*, plus a number of Facebook pages, including Humboldt to Go, Humboldt General Store and Humboldt Foodies.





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# Hank: meet my smart pal Zane

This is Hank here. I'm a good-looking dog. I like thing to worry about, and subbing in for my mom this week.

Mom says this is week 11 of shelter in place, though all that means to me is that I didn't get to lead the pack at the Kinetic Sculpture Race last week.

Since that didn't happen, I wanted to tell you about my new friend Zane, a dog from the shelter that I've been spending time

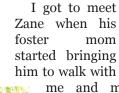
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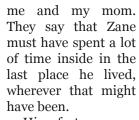
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His foster mom says he is really well-behaved in the house - housebroken. obedient and easy to be around. He doesn't even steal food, though I could teach him that skill. (Mom says to keep that trick to myself.)

Outside, he's not quite so comfortable and that's why they called me in! I know that skateboards and loud trucks aren't anv-

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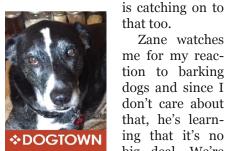
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to show him that I think after a few days of walking

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that too. Zane watches me for my reaction to barking dogs and since I don't care about

that, he's learning that it's no big deal. We're going to keep meeting up and practicing, unless Zane gets adopted

I like it when I can help one of the dogs from the shelter get more comfortable out in the world since I was one of those dogs once! hope Zane finds a home of his own soon. I'll let Mom fill in the details about how that happens.

Zane adoptable is through the Humboldt County Animal Shelter. He is neutered, microchipped, and current on his vaccinations. He knows quite a few obedience commands, loves to go to the beach and the river and enjoys playing with his canine foster sister.

He is not a good candidate for a home with cats or chickens as they're a little too interesting for him.

If you are interested in meeting this intelligent, alert dog, please contact the Humboldt County Animal Shelter at (707) 840-9132 to make an appointment.

The shelter is currently closed to walk-in business.

# Yurok Tribe runs Chah-pekw O' Ket'oh

#### **AKA Stone Lagoon Visitor Center**

MAD RIVER UNION STONE LAGOON - On Monday, June 1, the Yurok Tribe officially began operating the Stone Lagoon Visitor Center, following the completion of the first-ever Joint Powers Authority agreement between the California Department of Parks and Recreation and a Tribal government.

"On behalf of the Yurok people, I would like to thank the California State Parks North Coast Redwoods District Superintendent, Victor Bjelajac for partnering with us on this historic project," said Joseph L. James, the chairman of the Yurok Tribe. "Our partnership with the park paves the path for tribal governments throughout California to form similar cooperative agreements with the state agency."

"This formal partnership between the park and the Yurok Tribe is a model for other tribal governments across the state. It will help educate visitors about the history of the land and the people who have long lived on this beautiful site. The collaboration helps not only to educate, but to heal, and I hope we see similar agreements in the future," said Assemblymember James C. Ramos (D-Highland), who is the first California Indian to be elected to the California State Assembly.

The Joint Powers Authority agreement extends for a period of five years



SIGNED OVER The Stone Lagoon agreement is inked. This photo was taken before shelter-in-place orders. SUBMITTED PHOTO

and affords the Tribe much latitude in terms of what it can do at the Humboldt Lagoons State Park facility, which is located in close proximity to a Yurok village site. The agreement creates an opportunity for the Tribe to hire interpreters to inform park visitors about the rich heritage of the Yurok people. The Tribe has exciting plans to enhance the way that locals and visitors experience this culturally and ecologically unique place. For example, the Tribe will be putting on cultural sharing activities, such as canoe-making tutorials, basket-making classes and storytelling events at the visitor center. The agreement also establishes a process for the Tribe and the park to grant new concession contracts to tribal and non-tribal entrepreneurs. Access to the lagoon will remain the same.

Stone Lagoon, called Chah-pekw O' Ket'oh in the Yurok language, plays a critical role in the Tribe's traditional culture. In 2012, a group of Yurok ceremonial leaders restored a Jump Dance at Cha-pekw, which

on Stone Lagoon and concludes on national park land within the Tribe's ancestral territory. The world renewal ceremony had not occurred at these sites since the 1800s when the United States outlawed the religious practice as part of coordinated campaign to colonize tribal lands and people. During this tumultuous time period, the California government was equally involved in the forced assimilation effort and committed acts of genocide against indigenous people in the state.

Last year, California Governor Gavin Newsom issued a formal apology for the state's role in the genocide. He also made a commitment for his administration to participate in government-to-government consultations with Tribal leaders to discuss policies that affect Native American communities. Stone Lagoon agreement is consistent with Governor Newsom's order. The government-to-government accord also establishes a framework for tribes to better engage with the state on cooperative projects within begins with a Boat Dance tribal ancestral territories.



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# **HSUPD** Chief Peterson gone

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HSU - Humboldt State University Sunday announced the "retirement" of HSU Police Chief Donn Peterson. No reason was cited for the sudden departure.

A press release, below, listed Peterson's positive accomplishments. However, Peterson also received a vote of no confidence from nine of UPD's 10 officers last November. The vote included allegations of racial bias by

The Humboldt State press release:

Donn Peterson will be retiring from his position as Chief of Police at Humboldt State University effective May 31, 2020. The University thanks Peterson for his dedicated service over the past five years. Peterson has participated and created several programs that have improved the overall safety of our campus.

As referenced in his evaluations, these programs include being an active participant in Equity Arcata, creating and participating in the Chiefs' Advisory Panel, and the creation of the Student Safety Escort Program, which provides students who do not feel comfortable walking alone at night a uniformed student employee escort.

Peterson also initiated the "Ask Me Anything" events on campus, creating opportunities for stronger dialogue for students. HSU appreciates these and other contributions Peterson has made during his tenure and wishes him well in his future endeavors.



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ing may be viewed on Access Humboldt Channel 10, at cityofarcata.org and on the City of Arcata YouTube channel. Agenda items include the annual report of the Forest Management Committee; continuation of the Local Emergency related to the coronavirus pandemic; consideration of protest de-



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The Blue Lake Rancheria values your business and is actively monitoring the coronavirus (COVID-19), taking the matter very seriously. From the direction of tribal government, the tribe is choosing to close the Blue Lake Casino, Alice's Restaurant, Sushi Blue, the Wave Lounge, and the Lily Pad Café on Wednesday, March 18th, starting at 2 a.m.

The Blue Lake Casino's doors will remain closed until the end of March, when the tribe will re-evaluate the situation. The tribe is choosing to act out of an abundance of caution and is honoring Governor Gavin Newsom's request as well as strictly following recommendations from the World Health Organization (WHO), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services, and other trusted sources of information.

At this point, the Blue Lake Hotel will remain open. Before check-in, guests are being asked if they have been in close contact with a person with symptomatic laboratory-confirmed COVID-19. The information is then being reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

If necessary, the tribe is prepared to close the hotel if the situation begins to

The Blue Lake Rancheria will keep Play Station 777 Gas Station and Convenience Store open for people to get fuel and supplies. If the coronavirus worsens, the tribe plans to limit access to the convenience store, and will ask customers to pay outside by credit card at the pump – all pumps will be routinely cleaned and sanitized.

The Blue Lake Rancheria's government offices and business enterprises are following recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) routinely cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces (e.g. workstations, countertops, and doorknobs), as well as requiring employees to practice regular handwashing and to stay home if sick. Hand sanitizer dispensers have been placed throughout the property in public spaces and employee-only areas for people to readily use. To educate our employees and guests about COVID-19, we have posted CDC bulletins and posters about measures that we all need to take to prevent the spread of this virus. that we all need to take to prevent the spread of this virus.

At this time, we expect no disruption of tribal government programs. Programs such as home meal deliveries will continue as usual. We will notify stakeholders with as much advance notice as possible if any changes are expected.

The Blue Lake Rancheria is always looking ahead at issues that could impact the region and takes great pride in community preparedness, keeping our tribal members, valued guests and dedicated employees safe. The tribe's top priority right now is to reduce the risks of coronavirus and keep our community healthy. We are reviewing local, state, and federal recommendations daily and making

The Blue Lake Rancheria has declared a state of an emergency and is mobilizing appropriate resources.























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TRINIDAD - The Native Plant Garden behind the Trinidad Museum has come into its own. Started 10 years ago by volunteer gardeners, the garden was originally highway fill and rubble, covered by brambles.

Now, it's a beauty spot on the coast, complete with wheelchair accessible walking paths, a pond that is home to frogs and birds, a large assortment of native trees, shrubs, and flowers, all labeled, sturdy wooden benches and even an Air Bee n' Bee.

Students at Trinidad Union School prepared nesting tubes from Elderberry stems, bamboo, and drilled alder. The structure provides a home for such native bees as the Carpenter Bee, the Digger Bee and the Bumble Bee.

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A NEED TO WEED Ingrid Bailey weeds the California poppy bed in Trinidad. JANINE VOLKMAR | UNION

matured. This group, Ingrid Bailey, Claire Perricelli, Carl & Maisa Kalb, Mary Klein, and Jill Mefford, assembles every Thursday morning, from 10 a.m. until noon, to plant, prune, and weed.

"In addition to the welcome explosion of native flowers, the unwelcome

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explosion of non-native weeds keeps pace," Mefford said. She would love to hear from prospective volunteers at 267-0999.

"Days of real rains followed by days of warm sunshine," she said. "And, oh my, we are ready to get outside and enjoy. Even better, to get outside, enjoy and make our world a bit more beautiful--keeping safe distance, of course!"

Even if you don't have time to volunteer, take a walk in the garden soon. The riot of blossoms, California poppies-orange, yellow, even some white albino ones--, Douglas Iris, Ceanothus, Elderberry, Flowering Currant, and those luscious smelling native Azaleas, are worth the drive.

For the critter lovers, "the edge of the pond is alive with tiny new Tree Frogs, half an inch long, hopping around," Mefford said. "And the pond is full of fat polliwogs of Tree Frogs and Red Legged Frogs. Black Salamander eggs will hatch soon."

The garden is a haven for birds. "Our bird list, available at the garden entrance, lists one hundred species. This is the patient work of several years of master birder, Melody Hamilton. Last year an Egret spent a couple of days walking around the pond."

A new Cliff Swallow nest box was recently installed by the Audubon Society in the garden. It rises ten feet above the ground. "We are eagerly awaiting arrival of residents," she added.

The garden is open to all, free of charge. Parking is behind the Chevron station in Trinidad in front of the Trinidad Library. Come celebrate the beauty these volunteers have created.



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ARCATA - Arcata Recreation is accepting enrollment for summer farm shares from Bayside Park Farm.

Bayside Park Farm is a three-acre vegetable farm located in the City of Ar- is currently available for cata's Bayside Park, which weekly pick-ups. Bayside is dedicated to cultivating connections between the community and sustainable agriculture.

The Bayside Park Farm share program was the

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Farm share enrollment

Park Farm is located at 930 Old Arcata Road, and full shares cost \$500 for the growing season, which lasts 21 weeks from June to November.

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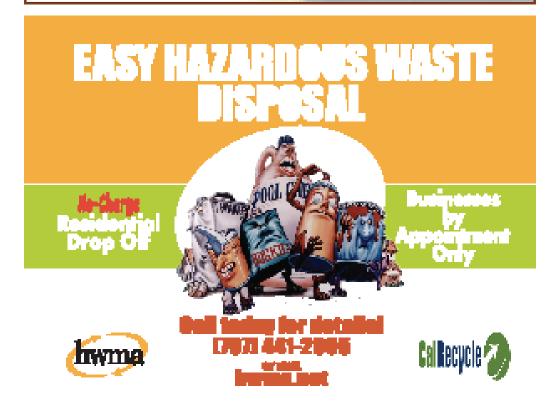






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# Planners: tiny houses, tinier houses would mean more houses

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HUMBOLDT - Reacting to an affordable housing shortage and state law that went into effect this year, Humboldt County is advancing new rules encouraging smaller, lower-cost secondary housing units.

The county's Planning Commission reviewed an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) ordinance at its May 21 meeting. The ordinance codifies measures in the county's 2019 Housing Element of the General Plan Update and aligns with new state rules on secondary residential units.

They include allowing ADUs in all zones where single family and

multifamily housing is principally permitted and relaxing code standards to allow tiny homes and movable tiny homes as second units.

Reduced ceiling heights, allowing lofts as living spaces and allowing "junior ADUs" of 500 square feet or less are also included.

There was some discussion on the degree to which the county can control ADU construction and enforce neighborhood compatibility standards.

But the state wants more affordable housing and won't support policies that interfere with it.

"The state is really taking a heavy hand in precluding local jurisdictions from not allowing homes," said Supervising Planner Michael Richardson. "They want home construction and one of the things that has gotten in the way of that in the past has been these nebulous, vague, nonobjective standards in local ordinances that local governments are able to use to deny permits."

He added, "The state has had enough of that."

One way the county can exert oversight is to map out areas where approval of ADUs would be done through publically-noticed special permit processes.

There are some cost-inducing requirements on the state side. This year, state law that mandates solar power installations on new housing units went into effect.

Saving that "there are state requirements that add to the cost of construction, no doubt about it," Planning Director John Ford said the solar mandate and others will apply to ADUs.

They will need to be approved under special permits if they're built in fire risk areas. Ford questioned whether that's "regulatory enough, given the fact that many of those areas require improvements to roads and fire access for an accessory dwelling unit -- and so there is a real tension there."

Richardson said county planners are aware that some state requirements will boost the cost of ADUs. But he added that the ordinance encourages scaling down construction.

"Our approach here, with the allowance of tiny homes and moveable tiny homes is to reduce the construction costs through reducing the size of the unit," he said.

The size limit of an ADU is set at 1,200 square feet in the ordinance.

After discussion with commissioners, county planning staff agreed on adding "alternative language" to the ordinance, such as requiring paved driveway access for ADUs that are located off paved roads.

The commission will continue the review of the ADU ordinance at its meeting this week, on Thursday, June 4.

# **Homelessness** | Aging population

FROM A1

have the answers, but I know our community does," Madrone said.

Committee members talked about the diverse reasons why people are homeless. Some have fallen on hard times. Others have mental problems, struggle with substance abuse, or both. There are homeless children and homeless seniors.

Committee member Twila Sanchez said she has gotten to know several homeless people in her McKinleyville neighborhood.

"The population of the homeless in this area is getting elderly," said Sanchez, adding that some of them didn't mind camping out when they were younger, but now they are in their 60s and 70s. "They are ready to move inside."

McKinleyville resident Johnny Calkins said it is important for those who want to help homeless people to get to know them. "It's the connection and building trust that as a community we need to try to do," Calkins said.

Committee member Greg Orsini said that whatever solution is sought, it's going to take money.

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talk about streamlining the

But committee mem-

ber Maya Conrad said the

county is doing the best it

can with the resources it

has. "This is a huge under-

meetings.

**Town Center** | Tiny houses

Madrone said that there are estimates pegging the current cost of serving homeless people at \$60,000 per person per year. This includes the cost of everything from cleanups, law enforcement, jail and medical care.

Anne Pierson, the owner of the McKinleyville Shopping Center, said that the criminal problem became so bad that she was forced to hire security for the shopping center three years ago and has spent \$165,000.

She has also spent thousands of dollars cleaning up trash left behind in camps. In recent years, volunteers have had to carefully scour the lawn for discarded needles before holding the annual Easter egg hunt.

Pierson said the issue needs to be "addressed humanely and carefully.'

Madrone said it's not clear where the money will come from to pay for solutions.

The committee voted to appoint committee members Maya Conrad, Barbara Georgianna, Greg Orsini and Mary Burke to a subcommittee charged with planning a town hall meeting.

"The town hall is not going to be a magic wand," Madrone said.

# Saturday Gathering offers support and a bridge out of homelessness

CHURCH OF THE JOYFUL HEALER

McKINLEYVILLE - The Church of the Joyful Healer recently was awarded a grant from the McKinleyville Area Fund to help support the outreach ministry, Saturday Gathering.

The Saturday Gathering started four years ago as a way to offer one specific need to those in the community of McKinleyville who experience homelessness or food insecurity. It has grown to a community of people, housed and unhoused, who come together to share in a meal and friendship.

The Saturday Gathering intends to use the grant from the McKinleyville Area Fund to expand the program.

This expansion will range from creating a clothing closet, where clean clothes can be exchanged for dirty ones, and washing services can take place, to wraparound services that include mentorship, resource support, and helping to create a bridge out of homelessness for those who wish to do so.

The Church of the Joyful Healer, located at 1944 Central Ave. in McKinleyville, holds its Saturday Gathering Ministry every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Donations of individually packaged items with a long shelf life, such as fruit cups, granola bars, and jerky sticks, as well as water, socks, blankets/sleeping bags (new or like new and clean only), are always welcome.

When social and physical distancing restrictions are relaxed more, the Gathering will be able to provide a place for participants to stay a while and be in fellowship while they receive food and other necessities and both the housed and unhoused will be able to form new and lasting relationships.

Until then, the location is for pickup of items only. However, coming June 13, the AHHA (Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives) mobile shower will be seen at the Gathering for the first time of what we hope will become a monthly opportunity.

Anyone interested in volunteering, donating, or obtaining more information on the Saturday Gathering may contact the church office at (707) 839-5691 or Pastor April Sousa, at umc.joyfulhealer@gmail. com.



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#### taking and we only have the resource of planning staff time," Conrad said. Also at the meeting, the committee listened to a presentation from county to 400 square feet. planners Michael Richardson and Mary Milner on proposed changes to county rules regarding accessory dwelling units (ADUs), tiny houses and movable tiny

houses. An ADU can be a garage, either attached to a home or separate, that is converted into a living unit. An ADU can also just be a sec-

"ADUs are a form of affordable housing," Richardson said.

ondary house on a parcel.

#### The county is in the process of loosening up its rules to allow for more of these types of houses, which can now be as small

as 100 square feet. Under the proposed changes, ADUs would be

limited to 1,200 square feet. Tiny houses built on a foundation and tiny houses built on a movable trailer platform would be limited

ADUs and tiny homes would still have to meet current building standards, although the tiny houses could have 6 foot, 8 inch ceilings, and ladders, instead of stairs, could be used for lofts.

Movable tiny homes would have to meet park-model RV standards.

Many of the rule changes are being mandated by the state. Richardson said.

For example, if a garage is attached to an exiting

home, it can be converted into a living unit without the owner having to pay for a sewer connection fee.

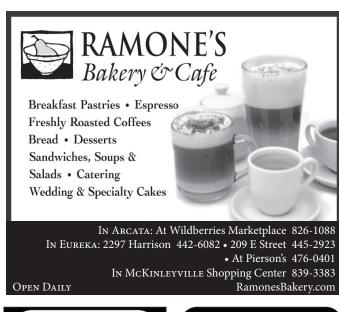
Committee member Greg Orsini, who is the manager of the McKinleyville Community Services District, said this concerns him.

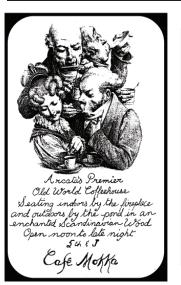
"We're basically giving away capacity in our system with no way to recoup those costs," Orsini said.

Another concern is that ADUs and tiny homes will be built and used for vacation rentals.

The county's proposed rules state that these homes could not be rented for less than 30 days, Richardson said. However, there is no enforcement mechanism.

The Humboldt County Planning Commission will discuss ADUs at its meeting Thursday, June 4 at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held on Zoom. The meeting ID is 941-1049-4227 and the password is 200525.











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#### Mobilize for change

Derek Chauvin, a white policeman, celebrated 400 years of slavery in America by calmly, methodically suffocating George Floyd, an unarmed, handcuffed black man. Three of Chauvin's cohorts stood guard to make sure no one would interfere.

The protests across the country sparked by George Floyd's murder are a fitting and necessary expression of outrage and exasperation.

The bullying, white supremacist, patriarchal culture that permeates and damages each one of us has a maniacal accelerant in President Trump and the members of his administration — all selected on the basis of mindless loyalty combined with incompetence.

The Republican Party has become a ruthlessly anti-democratic force, relying on gerrymandering, court packing and voter suppression to maintain power.

Democrats must win the presidency and the Senate in November to have any hope of tackling the systemic diseases that plague our country - racism, sexism, poverty, consumerism, constant war, and environmental degradation. The dominator culture personified by Chauvin and Trump is destroying us.

I urge each one of us to choose a way to take action. Through VoteForward.org, I'm writing letters to underrepresented citizens in swing states where both the presidency and the Senate are in play. My goal is to have 500 done by October, when it will be time to mail them.

Some of the other groups that can provide effective outlets for our outrage are: Indivisible, People for the American Way, Women's March, Stand Up America, Swing Left, J Street, Democracy in Color,

Daily Kos and genEquality. Mobilize!

> **Margaret Emerson Arcata**

Distancing disregarded So glad to have our community spread appreciation for our local medical and emergency workers... but can't they do this without also creating a perfect opportunity for the spread of novel coronavirus? It was very disturbing to see my local "hospital heroes" in a large group photo, with NO apparent attempt at distancing!

Maybe the photographer should have taken the photo using the manlift in the background, which would have allowed everyone to be in the picture, and also allowed them to set a good example of what social distancing should look like!

Of all the places that should be well aware of the dangers of a crowd right now, I would like the most informed to be my local hospital. Makes me think twice about using MRCH services.

> **Marijane Poulton Trinidad**

#### Trashing Trinidad

Sunday afternoon of Memorial Day weekend was beautiful. My husband and I took some time to sit on Launch Beach near the Little Head in Trinidad. My heart warmed to witness families of all ages enjoying themselves as well – kayaking, picnicking, playing fetch with their pups and

As we left, I noticed a significant amount

of litter in the parking lot and promised myself to return with gloves and trash bags the next day.

So I spent some time on Memorial Day gathering trash around the parking lots between the Big and Little Head. I collected two full bags and an armful of items too large to fit in a trash bag: old to-go boxes of food and condiment containers, receipts, single-use face masks, single-use gloves, used hand wipes, straws, cigarette butts, plastic coffee cups, plastic bags and alumi-

I understand that we have been advised to protect ourselves from a virus by wearing gloves, masks and eating take-out, however, our natural surroundings are being impacted by these behaviors.

It saddens me to see this precious area littered in this way. It seems so disrespectful to view nature as something we can just "use" – to distract ourselves from our problems and have Her provide us with beauty, fun and enrichment. It is important that we, in turn, provide nature with beneficial support and care.

I am all for people enjoying time outside, especially when it is respectful, harmonious and causes no harm.

> Cresta Delphena Schiefer **Trinidad**

#### Whitmer for Biden veep

Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer should be the Democratic Party's nominee for vice president in 2020. Whitmer gives Democrats their best chance of winning nationally on Nov. 3.

Personally, I'm partial to Elizabeth Warren and Kamala Harris, but I would honestly prefer to have Senator Warren as Treasury Secretary and Senator Harris as U.S. Attorney General in an overwhelmingly victorious Biden/Whitmer Administration.

Former Vice President Joe Biden has already promised to choose a woman to be his vice president and specifically an African-American woman to be Biden's judicial nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Biden will win in Pennsylvania big time. Considering Vice President Biden's lifelong personal ties to the Keystone State (he's from Scranton after all) Pennsylvania's 20 electoral votes are a relatively easy pickup for the Democrats.

Securing Michigan's 16 electoral votes is an urgent priority for the Biden campaign. Therefore, putting popular political rising star Governor Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan on the Democratic ticket would clearly be of great benefit to the cause of reaching the 270 electoral vote total needed to win the presidency.

Another potential candidate being considered by Vice President Biden is Georgia's legitimate Governor Stacev Abrams who is currently heading the Fair Fight organization working to end the Republican Party's illegal and unconstitutional nationwide voter suppression schemes. Abrams would be a charismatic pick for V.P.; however, winning officially in gerrymandered, jury rigged Georgia at this particular point in time is probably not a realistic goal. And, therefore, choosing Abrams would likely be a wasted choice in terms of securing elec-

None of the other potential vice presidential nominees are likely to actually add to the Democrats' electoral college vote total, with the possible exception of Florida Congresswoman Val Demings who should be Biden's backup choice for vice president.

Sincerely, Jake Pickering

# Recent fire a vivid example of the importance of quick response

hen firefighters are called to respond to a burning building, a delay of minutes could be the difference between minor damage and total destruction. On a medical emergency call, a delay of minutes could be the difference between life and death.

The difference that a few minutes can make was witnessed last week, when the Arcata Fire District was dispatched to a commercial vehicle engulfed in flames next to the Angels of Hope thrift store building, which had also caught fire.

Firefighters arrived on scene within three minutes and doused the fire, saving a building valued

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at nearly \$3 million. The building contains eight businesses, which were sparred from devastation.

Had the fire occurred hours later, the fire district's response would have surely been slowed by at least a few minutes. Why? Because at the time of the call, the district was one-hour away from closing the nearest station in downtown Arcata as part of its rolling brownouts.

That would have meant that the crew would have had to come from the Mad River Station out on Janes Road, far across Arcata. Watching the video of the rap-

idly intensifying fire, it's not hard to see how much more damage would have been done even after a few more minutes.

Now imagine that it's someone's house, with their family inside. Or that, as often happens, Arcata Fire's newly reduced forces are already occupied on anoth-It's not a matter of if that will

happen, only when. In 2019, AFD answered 3,860 calls for service more than 10 per day. AFD Battalion Chief Sean

Campbell likened the situation to gambling:

"In my opinion, we're essentially rolling the dice for the community," Campbell said May 27, the day of the fire. "Today we and Bayside. rolled the dice and got lucky."

Luck isn't sufficient to ensure the safety of our homes, businesses and lives. We need to properly staff our fire district so it can keep all three stations open 24/7.

The Arcata Fire District needs to take another stab at a ballot measure this November. In the March 3 election, a majority of voters came out in support of the measure, but it fell short of the two-thirds approval it needed.

The election results revealed some interesting geographical differences. While Arcata voters overwhelmingly supported the measure, support was significantly less in McKinleyville, Manila

It's possible that some voters are confused and think that the Arcata Fire District is just Arcata's fire department, due to its name. But it's not. AFD is McKinleyville's fire department. AFD in Bayside's fire department. AFD is Manila's fire department.

AFD does not get money from the City of Arcata's government. They are separate entities.

If the district decides to pursue another ballot measure - which we encourage - firefighters and their supporters are going to have to work overtime to counter misinformation and to convince twothirds of voters that having all three open is in their best interest.

### **Budget** | Projections range from severe to dire

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and TOT. But the city estimated a 60 percent drop in sales tax, to \$1,068,400. TOT would plummet 60 percent, to \$872,000.

All of the projections gouge multimillion-dollar holes in the city's nominal \$14,570,456 General Fund revenue. To make the radical cuts, staff set forth multiple criteria. Among them:

- · A balanced budget, matching revenues with expenditures.
- Retaining cost-conscious skilled
  - Maintaining reserves.
  - Conservative estimations. Assuming a weakened economy af-
- ter reopening. • Long-term uncertainty and revenue
- In addition, program and service
- cuts will be made as follows:
- Retaining legally mandated programs and contractual obligations.
- Not duplicating programs and services available elsewhere.
- Cost recovery, or self-sustaining
- programs.
- Demand for the program or service. How widely any program or service is utilized.
- A number of enterprise funds are projected to see declines as well, including the Forest Fund and street and gas

Councilmembers were asked to pick an option on which to base an initial

draft budget. Option 1's \$653,298 deficit would require eight staff layoffs; Option 2's \$2 million-plus drop would mean 22

layoffs; and Option 3's \$3 million-plus shortfall would dictate 32 layoffs plus salary reductions for remaining staff.

All the options include cancellation of numerous programs and services as well as maintenance and repair of city facilities.

Regardless, all projections include completion of a number of city projects already in progress, including paving, public safety, infrastructure, environmental and service improvements.

During discussion, councilmembers consensed on 29 to 30 percent reductions in General Fund revenue as a realistic starting point. Councilmember Sofia Pereira said that that "prudent" rough figure is shared in the city's Option 1 estimate and Hdl's Option 2 scenario, and other councilmembers agreed it was a reasonable assumption.

City staff will present a draft budget for the council, incorporating the latest information, at the June 17 meeting.

City Manager Karen Diemer said that despite the challenges, a balanced budget without use of reserves is on the way. She called that "a tremendous feat" that preserves core services and sets the stage for recovery.

#### **Arcata Economic Recovery Collaborative**

At tonight's meeting, the council will consider a suggestion by Councilmember Brett Watson for creation of an Arcata Economic Recovery Collaborative.

The proposal would create a subcommittee to assist the city, local businesses and non-profit organizations with reopening, messaging, creation of new opportunities, resource sharing and

### **Reopening** | Balancing relative risk and reward

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lot of variables.'

But Frankovich has previously said that increased caseloads are expected as reopening advances and that's why hospitalization, testing and case investigation capacities have been built up.

The county does have models based on polar opposite scenarios, which were released in late April.

One model postulates what would happen with all shelter place order restrictions lifted as of May 1. In it, a late July peak would see almost 1,000 COVID-19 patients hospitalized, 405 of them in intensive care, with 251 on ventilators, and 188 people dead.

In a second model based on keeping all the original shelter in place conditions in place for nine months, caseload would peak in December, with 145 people hospitalized, 64 of them in intensive care and 38 on ventilators.

And by that time, there would be 28

So far, there have been three deaths related to COVID-19, all of them involving residents of the Alder Bay Assisted Living facility in Eureka. The third death of a "very elderly" resident was announced in a May 28 county press release.

There have been 13 COVID-19 hospitalizations so far. Frankovich said they have included patients needing ICU care and ven-

She said at least three unlinked chains of coronavirus transmission have been identified with a potential fourth under investigation. She added that "some of our cases have had more than 10 additional individuals related to the original contact case."

Mirroring state decisions, the county has begun allowing some gatherings, including religious gatherings. It's a decision that could lead to more cases.

"In places of worship, obviously there are concerns about bringing together groups of people who are not usually with each other, in terms of disease transmission," Frankov-

She requested that social distancing and other guidelines be followed and recommended use of a sign-in sheet, which would allow contact tracing if cases emerge.

Honsal said religious organizations aren't required to apply for certification but are encouraged to. The guidance is to conduct religious services at 25 percent of capacity or 100 people, whichever is less.

On May 27, Frankovich fielded questions from students of the Arcata-based North Coast Preparatory Academy.

She's "really hopeful" that schooling will resume in the fall but "it's difficult to say exactly what school is going to look like."

If caseloads rise, it will be done virtually at first. But Frankovich held out the possibility of COVID-19 dissipating and "doing school quite a bit as we do normally."

One student asked what "our social interactions will look like in six months, 12 months and 18 months."

"Really hard to tell ya," Frankovich responded. "Don't lose hope about this because I think as we go forward things are gonna start to look more and more normal – it's just gonna take us a little while to get there."

Development and distribution of a "really good treatment" or a vaccine will trigger the turning point, she continued.

JACKSON, FLAMER WITH CHAMBER As part of its This is Arcata! podcast, the Arcata Chamber hosts a Zoom webinar Tuesday, June 9 from 9 to 10 a.m. with Dr. Tom Jackson, president of HSU and Dr. Keith Flamer, president of C/R. Pre-Register at Facebook/ Arcata Chamber of Commerce or arcatachamber.org. Submit advance questions for the presenters to Arcata@ArcataChamber.com.

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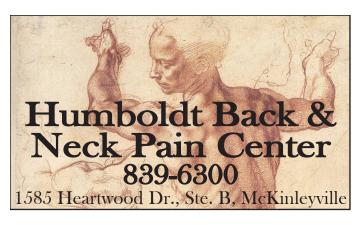
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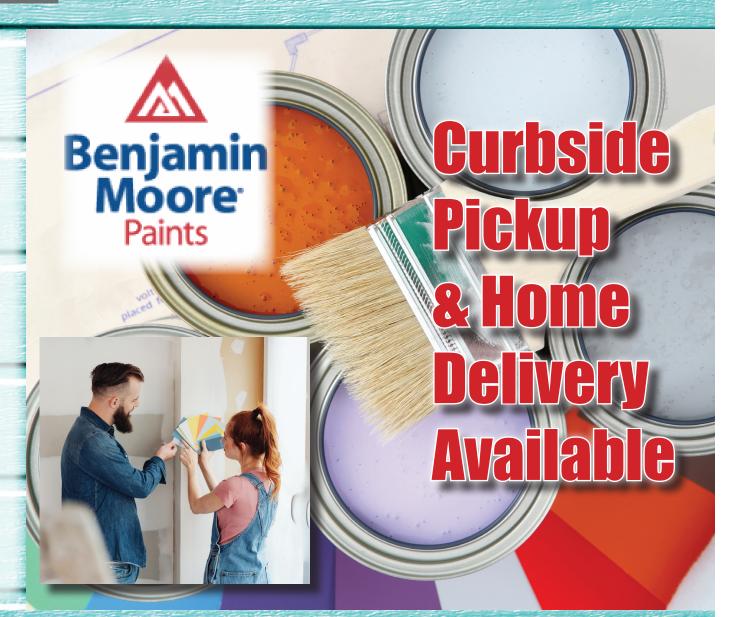


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SIGNS OF THE TIMES On Friday, May 29 McKinleyville High School faculty and staff delivered homemade signs to graduating seniors from Eureka to Orick. About 30 people were involved in decorating, coordinating an delivering the signs. From left, science teacher and instructional coach Kim Demlow; English teacher and MHS alum Taylor LeBlanc; Wild Rivers site lead and football coach Keoki Burbank; Instructional coach Rachel Watson.

# 2020 Mad River Festival canceled

**DELL'ARTE INTERNATIONAL** 

BLUE LAKE - The 2020 Mad River Festival, Dell'Arte's annual summertime backyard extravaganza, featuring five weeks of theatre, music, cabaret, dance, mashups and description-defying experiments "from around the world and down the block," is being canceled due to the impact of COVID-19.

Dell'Arte Producing Artistic Director Michael Fields wrote the following letter to the community:

"For the past 30 years we have gathered in the summer on the lawn of Dell'Arte's amphitheatre to come together as a community to laugh, listen, sing, celebrate and see things from around the world and down the block that we've never seen before anywhere. It is an experience that we hope engenders solidarity, empathy, understanding and provides new windows and apertures for us to see into who we are as a community.

But this year will be different. It is with great sadness that we need to cancel the Mad River Festival 2020. Initially, we thought it would be possible to move the festival to September, but given the county and state health directives, it is clear that will not be possible, certainly not in a manner where groups of people can gather en masse, in a way that the word 'festival' embodies.

So this year will be different. This year we must make sure to keep our community and each other safe.

It has been said that live theatre has been dying for 2,500 years. Not true. If anything, our desire to come together to experience the powerful stories of our times has

increased, not diminished. Once again, we will survive and thrive. While many good things can happen online and technology continues to evolve what is possible in new and interesting ways, theatre, by its very nature, is LIVE.

So while our stages will be empty this summer, we make a promise to you. 2021 will be filled with glorious work, amazing artists, and unique experiences. 2021 will be, in the current political vernacular... Yuge!!! Most of the programming intended for this summer will be back in 2021 and we are exploring the expansion of the festival next summer to include new works and opportunities. And we continue to work tirelessly for you, our community and for our students.

Please continue to follow us on line at dellarte.com as we will be posting online performance opportunities throughout the summer. (You can also sign up to receive our monthly online newsletter via our website). Take care of yourselves and each other. And thank you for being a part of Dell'Arte.

All the best,

Michael"

It should also be noted that the following productions slated for the 2020 Mad River Festival, Things You Know But Cannot Explain, The Bartow Project in collaboration with the Wiyot Tribe, Bird of the Inner Eye, a new opera by Joan Schirle based on the life and work of Morris Graves, and the Humboldt Folklife Festival, have been rescheduled for summer 2021.

**CHANGE 4 CHANGE** Eureka Natural Foods is bringing back its Change 4 Change program for a great cause. McKinleyville High School seniors are graduating and they need the proper send off. Safe and Sober Night is a celebration for the students to get together, receive gifts and prizes from the community and celebrate their achievements as a class. Unfortunately that won't be happening this year, but the community is pulling together to make it memorable for the seniors. Eureka Natural Foods has teamed up with the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce to put together goodies bags for all graduating students. Help raise money to make the goodie bags one of a kind by shopping at either Eureka Natural Foods location and donating your remainder change or any amount of your choice to the amazing seniors of 2020. It's time to rally the community up and show these students the support and love they deserve after all their hard work. Eureka Natural Foods and the McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce congratulate McKinleyville High graduating class of 2020

**SCREENING AND PANEL DISCUSSION** Today, June 3 at 7 p.m. KEET-TV is hosting a virtual film screening of the five-hour series Asian Americans followed by a panel discussion hosted by journalists, Jennifer Fumiko Cahill of the North Coast Journal. Local guest panelists include Pata Vang, a clinical social worker at With Open Arms; Roger Wang, dean of students at Humboldt State University; and Shomick Mukherjee, a journalist with the Times-Standard. Panelists will discuss issues revealed in the short film. You can go to *KEET.org* to register or directly to OVEE.itvs.org and look for Asian Americans KEET.

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# Quiet, solemn ceremony held in Trinidad

The 25th Annual Memorial Ceremony, commemorating those who have died at sea or who have been L buried at sea, was held quietly on May 24 at Trinidad Memorial Park.

It was a small, private ceremony since the coronavirus prevented families and friends from gathering all at one time. Trinidad Civic Club Co-Presidents Dana Hope and Jan West participated in the ceremony along with Memorial Secretary Lynda Moran, Mayor Pro-Tempore Jack West and Janine Volkmar, who read the memorial names, many of whom are armed services veterans.



Rose Adams, Merissa Replogle and Lynda Moran created the beautiful wreath with flowers donated by Sun Valley Flower Farm. The United States Coast Guard helicopter flew over the site after the 30-minute ceremony on the gorgeous sunny afternoon. Gary Stillman took meticulous care to darken the engraved names on granite plaques. Sea Watch, a recent poem by Paul G. Charbonneau of Rockport, Maine, was read during the ceremony:

Up and down and around every seaboard, on beaches or atop rocks and cliffs, people stare at the sea and watch. as if seeing behind the scenes something known to them alone.

They follow waves of lazy waves, or roaring graybeards coming hard onto the beaches and against rocky ramparts where humans stake claims to permanence, where the sea swallows the sands and slowly wears away earthly footholds.

I too make my way to the ocean's edge,

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feel infinity seduce my spirit, enticing me to the Ocean's bed.

Drawn to its depths and well out of my depth, in over my head, I hear nothing but the Sea, deafened by winds come from places unknown.

I no longer hear myself think, a blessing I am told, but sense an inkling dragging me out to a Sea mysterious and infinite, drowning me in Itself, then ebbing away, leaving me beached in wonderment and at a loss for words.

**Planning Commission Vacancy** 

The City of Trinidad Planning Commission has a vacancy due to the recent resignation of John Graves of Moonstone Heights. His services were invaluable and he was commended for his years of work. Current Planning Commissioners are Richard Johnson, Cheryl Kelly, Diane Stockness and Tom Hopkins. A number of important matters, including city water service and the General Plan, are addressed by the commissioners. City planning experience is valuable but not required.

To find out more about applying for the position, email Assistant City Clerk Angela Zetter at azetter@trinidad. ca.gov; stop by the City Clerk's office at Town Hall between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on weekdays, or call (707) 677-0223.



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#### **❖** McKINLEYVILLE

# McK seniors dancing in the digital arena

ast week, McKineyville Senior Center received a generous and the seniors connecting through technology, we thank you!

You've started the digital ball rolling for us and we're learning to play the game, discovering the rewards of learning to function in an unfamiliar arena.

Your donations to the center and the award from MAF will allow us to begin our digital literacy campaign for those left behind by age, distance, circumstance, or technical ability to welcome new skills that will help us as individuals and as a community.

Thank you to everyone for giving us a starting place along this new

I welcome any information on finding new or refurbished computers for the center, instructors, volunteer assistance, affordable classes. and perhaps the creation of a digital lending library so our elders can practice at home.

#### **Zooming in**

Happy to report we're getting better at meetings!

Four of us connected this morning, two new to the group, one who has been there since the beginning, and me.

**NEW CONTROLLER AT CCCU** Coast Central Credit

Union announced that Brandy Morton has joined

the organization as controller in its Accounting

Department, reporting to VP Chief Financial

Officer Fred Moore. Michael Burghart, current

Controller, will be retiring next month. Morton

comes to the organization with 15 years of related

experience with the Hoopa Valley Tribe, primari-

ly in its Fiscal Department, serving as chief finan-

cial officer for the last five years. Her expertise

spans oversight of day-to-day operations while

adhering to federal, state and tribal regulations;

monthly and annual budgets; financial analysis,

purchase order and payroll processing; general

Amazingly it went smoothly. We did miss one of our regulars who may award from the McKineyville have clicked on an old link. He'll con-Area Fund. On behalf of the center nect next time. We love him because he keeps trying and his stories are remarkable.

> When was the last time someone told vou they encountered a big rattlesnake in the middle of a path?

> And then described in detail it's glistening blue and silver colors as it rattled him away? Connect with us at 10 a.m. Wednesday and share your stories and ours.

The two newest to join our writing/story telling

group are from other Zoom meet-

Patti Stammer

I invited them and they connected. Both had good stories, enjoyed writing, and kept us laughing and entertained.

I've discovered these past two years that everyone has stories and we all need an audience.

Other people discovered this long before I started paying attention. When we slow down and listen it's astonishing what we learn when discovering our memories. It's impossible not to laugh out loud.

Zoom connections may not seem like a big deal, but they are part of the foundation for us to begin our

dance with digital access.

Many of us connect to the meetings offered by OLLI, doctors, offices, and other groups. They all make it seem so easy. But when you're confused, it's a mess with no one to explain how to fix it.

Ever notice how the companies who create programs and instructions always have the worst solutions if you get stuck?

They assume that we know what they know and therein lies a problem for those who are isolated by age, up to date equipment, new technology and patience.

It's not only computers. Try putting together something from Ikea in Swedish or anything from Amazon. Progress is slow, but contrary to popular opinion, I am a patient woman... sometimes a little cranky, but patient.

I'm grateful for support from this unique community. Fifty-three years ago, just married, I lived in a cabin above Clam Beach and described McKinlevville to my parents as a "truck stop with a ZIP code."

I wish they could see it today; they'd be happy I chose Mack Town again. I'm near my daughter's family and the three "little" girls who changed my name to Grandma.

Please send me any ideas to help keep the ball rolling for MSC to mckpatti@gmail.com. Text or call me (707) 845-2817,

**Brandy** Morton

ledger management; financial compliance audits; and more. A Humboldt County native and enrolled member of the Hoopa Valley Tribe, Morton is a Hoopa High School and Humboldt State University graduate, with a bachelor of science in business administration and emphasis in Accounting. She lives in Hoopa with her husband and they have three children, a son and two grown daughters who are both police officers. Morton and her family enjoy traveling and spending time outdoors. Coast Central Credit Union is the largest member-owned financial institution in the area, with over 70,000 members and operating 11 Member Services Branches.

### Being vigilant in Blue Lake

in Blue Lake and June is now upon us. The new strategies for distance

learning are almost over and summer is about to officially begin. Places are reopening and restrictions are lessening, not just around Blue Lake, but all over Humboldt County.

I just want to encourage everyone to keep being vigilant. Just because we can go get a haircut now, or even dine in at some restaurants, does not mean this is over. It means that our area now has room to take care of anyone who gets sick. That being said, here is some information on what you can start doing soon in Blue

Blue Lake Parks and Recreation is working on its plan and implementation for a revised Summer Camp for children in kindergarten through eighth grade.

Information should be available online at the end of the week, or early next week, and the camp is slated to begin June 22. It will be smaller than years past and it will fill up fast, so keep your eyes peeled.

Probably the best thing ever to do in Blue Lake as the weather gets warm is go to the river. A couple reminders is to please keep your distance from other families and do not form large groups.

The Blue Lake Levee Loop Trail is another favorite. Over the past few weeks I have seen so many out

**T**e've made it walking and riding bikes. through so much You all have been amazing and courteous staying six feet or more in distance.

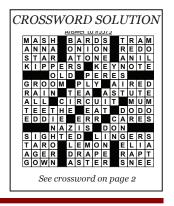
Speaking of trails, the highly anticipat-

ed Annie & Mary trail section along the railroad right of way has broken ground. A special ribbon cutting ceremony will be scheduled when a large scale event can take place! This is an exciting new addition to Blue Lake!

Before I go, there are a couple of governmental items that I want to share with you. If you own a dog within the city limits, please make sure you license your dog. I know there has been confusion with this in the past. All dogs within city limits must be licensed, which includes rabies certification. You can contact City Hall for more information and costs, or check out the website.

Also, summer time is the time for house projects.

Maybe you have been completing these projects while sheltering in place. Remember to talk to the building inspector before you do any major building project, including any replacement of a tank water



#### LEGAL NOTICES

#### **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT

20-00189 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: RENAISSANCE 1309 11TH ST. SUITE 104 ARCATA, CA 95521 COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT TECHNOLOGY NORTH INC. CA C3328751 **TECHNOLOGY NORTH INC.** 

1309 11TH ST. SUITE 104 ARCATA, CA 95521 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A CORPORATION

S/FINIGAN FORD **SECRETARY** 

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on APRIL 24, 2020 KELLY F SANDERS TN DEPUTY CLERK 5/13. 5/20. 5/27. 6/3

#### **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT 20-00209

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PEAS AND CARROTS **FAMILY CHILD CARE** 2133 LEWIS AVE. ARCATA, CA 95521 **COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT** JENNIFER A. CALDWELL 2133 LEWIS AVE. ARCATA, CA 95521 THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY:

AN INDIVIDUAL S/JENNIFER CALDWELL OWNER This statement was filed with

the Humboldt County Clerk on MAY 1, 2020 KELLY E. SANDERS **SC** DEPUTY CLERK 5/13, 5/20, 5/27, 6/3

#### **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT 20-00213

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: TRIM SCENE 930 SAMOA BLVD ARCATA, CA 95521 **COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT** NICOLE S. MOCK 1774 VICTOR BLVD. **ARCATA, CA 95521** THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL

#### S/NICOLE MOCK OWNER

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#### **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT 20-00208

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 5572 WALNUT DRIVE FUREKA CA 95503 COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT **MATTHEW RYAN WEEMS** 5572 WALNUT DRIVE **EUREKA, CA 95503** THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY:

AN INDIVIDUAL S/MATTHEW WEEMS **OWNER** 

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#### **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT 20-00230

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **POWERS CREEK PRODUCE** 240 F STREET **BLUE LAKE, CA 95525** PO ROX 1024 **BLUE LAKE, CA 95525** COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT TREVOR B. GUTHRIE 240 F STREET BLUE LAKE, CA 95525 SADIE W. HALES 240 F STREET

**BLUE LAKE, CA 95525** THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: A MARRIED COUPLE S/TREVOR GUTHRIE

OWNER This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MAY 13, 2020 KELLY E. SANDERS **SC** DEPUTY CLERK

#### 5/27, 6/3, 6/10, 6/17 **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT

20-00228 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **HUMBOLDT CANNABIS** MUSEUM

2102 LEWIS AVE. ARCATA, CA 95521 COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT DANIEL W. BIXLER 2102 LEWIS AVE. **ARCATA, CA 95521** THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL

#### S/DANIEL BIXLER OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MAY 13, 2020

#### KELLY E. SANDERS **SC** DEPUTY CLERK 5/27, 6/3, 6/10, 6/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: BEST HERBALS 100 ERICSON COURT **ARCATA, CA 95521** P.O.BOX 160 **LOLETA, CA 95551** COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT MICHAEL BEST 297 CHURCH ST. **LOLETA, CA 95551** 

THIS BUSINESS IS CONDUCTED BY: AN INDIVIDUAL S/MICHAEL BEST

OWNER This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on

MAY 11, 2020 KELLY E. SANDERS SC DEPUTY CLERK 5/27, 6/3, 6/10, 6/17

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME TRAVIS LEE GALL SUPERIOR COURT OF

CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUM-**BOLDT** CASE NO. CV1901066 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner has filed a

petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: **TRAVIS** 

to Proposed name: TRA-VIS LEE GALL-JAN-THE COURT OR-DERS that all persons interested in this matter

appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street. Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Date: JAN. 10, 2020

Time: 1:45 p.m. Dept.: 4 3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union. Date: NOV. 18, 2019

KELLY L. NEEL Judge of the Superior

5/13, 5/30, 5/27, 6/3 ORDER TO SHOW **CAUSE** FOR CHANGE OF NAME MOLLY LYNELLE RO-BLES SUPERIOR COURT OF **CALIFORNIA** 

COUNTY OF HUM-BOLDT CASE NO. CV1901067 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing

names as follows:
Present name: MOL-SATTVA

LY LYNELLE ROBLES Proposed name: MOLLY LYNELLE RO-

**BLES-JANSONS:** THE COURT OR-DERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka. California. at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. no written objection

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**NOTICE OF PETITION** TO ADMINISTER ES-TATE OF **MELVIN LONGMIRE** CASE NO.: PR200089

5/13, 5/30, 5/27, 6/3

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of:

**MELVIN LONGMIRE** Petition for Probate has been filed by:MARY ANNN COOPER in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: MAY ANN COOPER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the au-

thority. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: JUNE 23, 2020 Time: 2:00 PM Dept.: 6

Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501. For information on how

to appear remotely for

your hearing, please visit https://www.humboldt. courts.ca.gov/. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court

before the hearing. Your

appearance may be in per-

son or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal

representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney

knowledgeable in Cali-

fornia law. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Attorney for the petition-

SOLEN CASHMAN GALE & NIELSEN 2850 HARRIS ST. EUREKA, CA 95503 (707) 269-0167 5/27, 6/3, 6/10

**CITY OF ARCATA** NOTICE OF PUBLIC **HEARING** 

MAD RIVER BUSI-NESS PARK, JANES CREEK MEADOW & WINDSONG ASSESS-**MENT DISTRICTS PUB-**LIC HEARING NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY **GIVEN** that the City Council of the City of Arcata will conduct a public hearing on June 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the following item: Adopting Resolution

Nos. 190-70 (Mad River Business Park Assessment District), 190-71 (Windsong Landscape Maintenance Assessment District), and 190-72 (Janes Creek Meadow Assessment District). declaring the intention to continue to levy and collect assessments within the three districts for fiscal year 20/21. There is a report of the City Engineer for the three districts available for public review at Arcata

City Hall.

Consistent with Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 from the Executive Department of the State of California and the Humboldt County Public Health March 19, 2020 Shelter-In-Place Order, the City Council meeting location will not be physically open to the public and City Councilmembers will be teleconferencing into the meeting via Zoom Video Communi-

cations. Members of the public can observe the meeting on television on Access Humboldt Channel 10, by visiting www. cityofarcata.org clicking on the See Live Meetings, Agendas, and Archives button on the home page, or on the City's YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.

and

com/channel/UCJYGp9zDPdWMGtA0BtfFX-A. Members of the public may also provide public comment before and during the meeting by sending comments to the City Clerk by email at pc@cityofarcata.org. Such email comments must identify the agenda item number in the subject line of the email. The comments will be read into the record, with a maximum allowance of three minutes (approximately 500 words) per individual comment, subject to the Mayor's discretion. If a comment is received after the agenda item is heard, but before the close of the meeting, the comment will still be included as a part of the written record of the meeting but will not be read into the record during the meeting. For further information,

**LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS** Sealed bids from Licensed Timber Operators for the 2020 timber harvest will be received at the office of the City Clerk, 736 F Street, Arcata, California, until

please contact Netra

Khatri, City Engineer at

(707) 825-2173.

6/3, 6/10

4:30 p.m. Monday July 6, 2020 at which time they will be publicly opened and read: The successful bidder

shall:

A. Fall, buck, yard, load and deliver to a designated location approximately 265 MBF of redwood and Douglas fir logs manufactured from designated timber located in the Arcata Community Forest Sections 27 & 28, T6N, R1E HB&M. This project primarily involves selection harvest with ground

based yarding. B. Install designated erosion control measures following opera-

Each sealed envelope containing a bid must be plainly marked on the outside as "2020 Logging Bid." Specifications and bid forms may be obtained from the Contracts and Procurement Specialist, 736 F Street, Arcata, California. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The bid award may be made at the regularly scheduled Council Meeting on July 15. 2020.

"Field "show-me" trip(s) are scheduled for Monday June 15th and Friday June 19th, 2020 at 9 A.M. Interested parties can meet Mark Andre, Director, Environmental Services Department, at the Arcata City Hall/Library parking lot; the entrance is east of F Street on 7h Street, Arcata, California. To make an appointment for an alternate "show-me" date, call (707) 822-8184 or (707) 845-5804 or email mandre@cityofarcata.

Mark Andre Environmental Services Director City of Arcata 736 F Street Arcata, Ca. 95521 707 822-8184 office 707 845-5804 cell mandre@cityofarcata.

# Recreation Division certified for Summer Camp Child Care Program

CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA – The City of Arcata's Recreation Division has been certified by Humboldt County's Emergency Operations Center to operate a Summer Camp Child Care Program. Open enrollment for the 2020 summer camp season begins today, Wednesday, June 3, at 9 a.m.

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A variety of camps are offered, with some lasting up to 10 weeks, for youth and teens ranging from 5-12 years of age, in addition to a Camp Leader in Training Program for teens age 13 to 17.

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camp will be limited to 10 campers, up to two camp Leaders in Training and one staff member.

Face coverings, physical distancing and other COVID-19 health and safety protocol will be in place to ensure the safety of participants and employees.

Additional time will be taken for wellness screenings, and drop-off and pick-up times will be staggered. To limit community contact, field trips, swim days, large group games and sleepovers will not be offered.

A complete list of camps

 Half Day Skate Camp - (Ages 6-12) Beginners, intermediate and skateboarders advanced are all welcome and encouraged to join the fun. Camp will be instructed by local, skilled skateboarders. This camp will focus on skate park safety, etiquette, street riding, vert riding and style. Skate Camp runs daily, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, June 15 through Friday, Aug. 21. There will be staggered drop-off and pick-up times. Weekly Camp Fees are \$115 for Arcata residents and \$127 for non-residents, and camp is held at the Arcata Skate Park, located at 900 Sunset Ave.. Full pads are required. Participants may show proof of skate camp enrollment to receive a 10 percent discount on required gear from AMPT Skate Shop, located at 1040 H St. in Arcata. For assistance call AMPT at (707) 822-9500.

• Half Day Marsh Explorers Camp - (Ages **5-7 and ages 8-11)** Marsh Summer camp adventurers at the Arcata Marsh. both camps each day and gain life-long skills while

Explorers Science Camp is a half-day camp, running weekly from Monday, June 15 through Friday, Aug. 21. Campers may choose to attend the morning session or the afternoon session, but not both within the same week. Campers will investigate nature through experiments, outdoor adventures, individual projects and engaging, hands-on learning. Each week has a designated theme of exploration including birds, water, wetland mammals and more. Camp will take place at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center in the morning from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or in the afternoon from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Weekly fees cost \$115 for Arcata residents and \$127 for non-residents. There will be staggered drop-off and pick-up times. Weekly camp dates will be staggered by age group and the full camp schedule can be found online at cityofarcata.org/rec or by calling (707) 822-7091.

• Full Day Lodge/Adventure Camp - (Ages **9-12)** This new camp pairing allows campers to choose to start their day at Lodge Camp or Adventure Camp, then switch to the other camp at 1 p.m. Campers get a little bit of challenging their individual limits. Each week brings new activities and adventures. Camp will take place from Monday, June 29 through Friday, Aug. 21 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Redwood Lodge and the Picnic Area in Redwood Park located at 490 East Park Road in Arcata. There will be staggered drop-off and pick-up times. Weekly fees are \$155 for Arcata residents and \$167 for non-residents.

• Full Day Lounge/ Forest Camp - (Ages **5-8)** This new camp pairing allows campers to choose to start their day at Lounge Camp or Forest Camp, then switch to the other camp at 1 p.m. Campers get a little bit of both camps each day and gain life-long skills while challenging their individual limits. Each week brings new activities and adventures. Camp will take place from Monday, June 29 through Friday, Aug. 21 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Redwood Lounge and the Stage Area in Redwood Park located at 490 East Park Road in Arcata. There will be staggered drop-off and pick-up times. Weekly fees are \$155 for Arcata residents and \$167 for non-residents.

• Full Day Dance/Art Camp - (Ages 5-7 and **Ages 8-11)** This new camp pairing allows campers to Dance Camp or Art Camp, then switch to the other camp at 1 p.m. Campers will discover their own creativity through a variety of art mediums and dance styles. Each week will bring new explorations into visual and performing arts. Camp will take place from Monday, June 29 through Friday, Aug. 21 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Arcata Community Center Teen Room and Gymnastics Room, located at 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway in Arcata. There will be staggered drop-off and pick-up times. Weekly fees are \$155 for Arcata residents and \$167 for non-residents. Weekly camp dates will be staggered by age group and the full camp schedule can be found online at cityofarcata.org/rec or by calling (707) 822-7091. Summer Camp

**Leader in Training Pro**gram - (Ages 13-17) Camp Leaders in Training work with youth age 5 to 12, helping plan and lead summer camp activities. Participants will have the opportunity to gain real life work experience and leadership skills all while having fun in the sun. The Leader in Training Program experience can also count toward community service requirements and looks great on a college application. Participants must be 13 years old by Monday, June 15, or former Arcata Recreation campers who will turn 13 in Fall 2020 may be eligible to work at camps serving our younger age groups. The program runs from Monday, June 15 through Friday, Aug. 21, and participation fees are \$18 per week for Arcata residents plus a \$2 non-resident fee per registration. Fees for five or more weeks are \$90 for Arcata residents or \$100 for non-residents. For more information, email rec@ cityofarcata.org or call

(707) 822-7091. Due to safety protocol in place to reduce the spread of COVID-19, in-person registration cannot be accepted. Camp registration may be completed online at cityofarcata.org/rec, via email at rec@cityofarcata. org or by calling (707) 822-7091.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to enroll campers in the same camp for two consecutive weeks whenever possible to reduce exposure to new groups or individuals. Payment plans are available, and payment plan arrangements can only be accommodated via email or by phone.





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